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SUBJ: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA FROM NATO COUNTRIES

1. AT LUNCH MEETING TODAY OF NATO COUNTRIES AMBASSADORS, FOLLOWING BITS AND PIECES OF NEW ASSISTANCE TO MALTA BY NATO COUNTRIES CAME OUT.
2. FRANCE. FRENCH ARE PROVIDING THREE EXPERTS FOR MALTA DRYDOCKS FOR TWO YEAR TOURS. ONE WILL BE CONCERNED WITH MANAGEMENT AND REORGANIZATION AND THE OTHER TWO ON THE SHIP CONSTRUCTION SIDE. IN ADDITION, FRENCH WILL PAY FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF NEW SHIP CONSTRUCTION YARD NEAR BIRZEBBUGA. FRENCH ALSO HAVE ONE MAN EACH ASSISTING MALTA WITH TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION.
3. GERMANY. GOM HAS ASKED GERMANY TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR,

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GOM WANTS NOT ONLY LANDING RIGHTS IN FRANFURT, BUT RIGHT TO

PICK UP PASSENGERS AT FRANKFURT FOR LONDON DESTINATION.

4. GROUP OF ITALIAN INDUSTRIALISTS WHO HAVE BEEN LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITIES OF INVESTMENT ON MALTA HAVE BEEN GENERALLY DISCOURAGED BY PROSPECTS HERE COMPARED WITH INVESTMENT IN OTHER UNDERDEVELOPED MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. NEVERTHELESS, IN LAST MEETING WITH MINTOFF THEY HELD OUT FAIRLY GOOD PROSPECT OF ESTABLISHING A BRASS FOUNDRY AND ONE OR TWO OTHER SMALL INDUSTRIES.

5. COMMENT: THIS CONTINUING TRICKLE OF MODEST ASSISTANCE MAY TO SOME DEGREE LIMIT DEPTH OF MINTOFF'S REACTION TO NEWS OF HARD LINE ATTITUDE IN COMMON MARKET REGARDING SOFT LOANS AND GRANTS TO MALTA (SEPTEL).
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